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Explanation and Cost of Animal Adoption Mandate (SB 1785):

The Animal Adoption mandate created by the 1998 Animal Shelter Law (S.B.1785: Hayden Bill)) created the 3rd largest fiscal mandate in the state which has cost \$121.6M to date.

This number is broken down as follows:

1998 – 2003	\$80M
2004 – 2005	\$24.6M
2005 – Present	\$17M (partial number)

Reimbursement example:

On January 15, 2006 the animal control agencies submitted what they anticipated their expenses would be for fiscal year July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006. They do not need to provide detail on the expenses. If they choose to, they are allowed to submit the amount claimed the previous year and add 10%.

In January 2007 they submit their actual expense for 2005 – 2006. The agencies will receive the difference if the claim is higher than the estimate, or if the claim is lower the difference gets applied to the estimate for the 2006 – 2007 fiscal year.

2006 – 2007 is the first year the state is paying for the monies that it owes for past claims. There was a suspension of payment due to the state running out of funds. As of July 1, 2005 State Initiative Proposition 1A Protection of Local Government Revenues requires the state to either fully fund each mandate affecting cities, counties, and special districts or suspend the mandate's requirements for the fiscal year.

Fiscal data provided by California Department of Finance on December 12, 2006.